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## **News Release**

## Flying M Holds 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentine's For AIDS

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Kevin and Lisa Myers, owners of the Flying M Coffeehouse, will be holding their 8<sup>th</sup> annual Valentine's for AIDS. This year's event will be held in memory of LouAnn Enochs. LouAnn, a long-time AIDS activist from Caldwell, was tragically killed last Valentine's Day on her way to an AIDS Prevention Council meeting in Canyon County.

"We are very pleased this year's Valentine's for AIDS is in honor of LouAnn Enochs," stated public health nurse Wendy Den Herder. "LouAnn's presentations on HIV/AIDS were wonderful, powerful, touching, warm, and focused on the humanity of the subject. She eloquently spoke about what it means to respond as a family touched by AIDS. She helped us see how we needed to respond as a community. LouAnn was a pleasure to know and exemplified her beliefs by the life she led."

Some of the artists that will participate in this year's Valentine's for AIDS include Renda Palmer, Lisa Pisano, Edith Hope, Jennifer Casey, Arith Tate, Jim McColloy, and Erik Payne.

All of the funds raised this year will benefit the SNAP Program (Safety Net for AIDS Program). The SNAP Program is located at Central District Health Department and is run by, long-time AIDS care provider, Wendy Den Herder.

"We are pleased to fund SNAP this year," stated Lisa Myers. "Wendy has been a key person in this community's response team to HIV for about 11 years. SNAP will be working cooperatively with other HIV service providers in the area to meet clients' needs. We feel that it is a needy program, deserving of our support. All of the funds raised will go to direct client services."

The silent auction will be held from February 6<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> at the Flying M Coffeehouse, located at 500 West Idaho Street in Boise. Those interested are invited to come and look at the wonderful artwork that you can buy for your Valentine and help a worthy cause. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Lisa at 345-4320.

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A photo of LouAnn Enochs is available in jpg format. Please call 327-8625 to receive the photo on-line.